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### **National Park Service Announces FY 2005 NAGPRA Documentation Grant Awards**

(Washington, D.C.) --- The National Park Service (NPS) announces the awarding of \$1,304,385 to assist museums, Indian Tribes, and Alaska Native villages and corporations with implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). NPS has already awarded \$56,509 in fiscal year 2005 to support the repatriation of Native American cultural items to culturally affiliated Indian tribes.

Projects to be undertaken by FY 2005 documentation grant recipients include regional consultation meetings for tribes, museums, and federal agencies, a conference on the chemical and spiritual contamination of ancestral remains, the cataloguing of cultural materials recovered from archaeological sites, and numerous other projects that support the NAGPRA goals of documentation and consultation in preparation for the repatriation process.

In FY 2005, the NPS received 48 NAGPRA documentation grant applications from 28 Indian tribes, 15 museums, and 5 Alaska Native villages and corporations, for a total request of approximately \$3.3 million. Proposals were reviewed by an expert panel of Native Americans and museum professionals from a variety of Federal agencies. Awards are being made to the 20 grantees listed below.

Enacted in 1990, NAGPRA requires museums and federal agencies to inventory and identify Native American human remains and cultural items in their collections, and to consult with culturally affiliated Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages and corporations, and Native Hawaiian organizations regarding repatriation. Section 10 of the Act authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to award grants to assist in implementing provisions of the Act.

For additional information regarding these awards, contact Michelle Joan Wilkinson, Ph.D., National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service, 1849 C Street, N.W. (2253), Washington, DC 20240; telephone (202) 354-2203.

Specific awards and contacts for all FY 2005 NAGPRA grants are listed below.

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## FY 2005 NAGPRA Grant Recipients Award and Contact Information

\$ 73,518	Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, WI	Edith S. Leoso, (715) 682-7111
\$ 72,468	Colorado Historical Society, CO	Bridget Ambler, (303) 866-4531
\$ 11,031	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, OR	Teara Farrow, (541) 276-3629
\$ 74,946	Delaware Nation, OK	Tamara Francis, (405) 247-2448
\$ 74,554	Duckwater Shoshone Tribe, NV	Maurice Frank-Churchill, (775) 863-0227
\$ 74,686	Jena Band of Choctaw Indians, LA	Christine Norris, (318) 992-2717
\$ 73,250	Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria, CA	Arlene Ward, (530) 343-6614
\$ 73,966	Museum of Northern Arizona, AZ	Elaine Hughes, (928) 774-5211
\$ 73,000	Rochester Museum and Science Center, NY	Gian Carlo Cervone, (585) 271-4552
\$ 45,966	Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, MI	Bonnie Ekdahl, (989) 775-4750
\$ 75,000	San Diego Archaeological Center, CA	Cindy Stankowski, (760) 291-0370
\$ 67,525	Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians, MI	Cecil Pavlat, Sr., (906) 632-7480
\$ 70,339	Sealaska Corporation, AK	Kathy Miller, (907) 586-9234
\$ 17,176	Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley, NV	Ted Howard, (208) 759-3100
\$ 74,793	Sitka Tribe of Alaska, AK	Alicia Gassman, (907) 747-3207
\$ 54,685	Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, WA	Shawn Yanity, (360) 652-7362
\$ 75,000	Susanville Indian Rancheria, CA	Timothy Kesey, (530) 251-5623
\$ 75,000	Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, AK	Desiree J. Duncan, (907) 463-7183
\$ 73,258	University of Colorado, Boulder, CO	Stephen Lekson, (303) 492-6671
\$ 74,224	University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV	Karen Harry, (702) 894-2534
 <b>\$1,304,385 TOTAL</b>		

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